Ante-Bellum Floating Palaces of the Alabama River and the "Good Old Times In Dixie"

bend in the river ered to have brokegress from the cabin rought to their re-

me 30 or 40 cords of pitch pine had to avert it, as an officer and a man.

as following paragraphs are from fore between the piles of which doubttobile Daily Register of March 8, less some sparks found their way and F. James; Daniel Pratt, F. M. Johnkindled into flames before the fact was discovered. So rapid was the ton, Tom Adams; Selma, A. H. Johnthe Orline St. John and the spread of the fire that notwithstanding son; Emperor, Jesse J. Cox. er of valuable lives, in- the commendable presence of mind on them several of our es- the part of the pilot in steering the and fellow citizens, was boat toward the land, the moment he the ill-fated Orline St. John, Tim yesterday by the ar- was aware of the disaster there were Meaher on deck. Cotton at that date In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be few people able to make their escape on her upward over the bows of the boat. The forpassengers, several ward staircase was soon enveloped in constitution and the union, but no nales. On the after- flames, and the wind drove them and the 5th, inst., as the the smoke in suffocating volumes aft. Thus it was that so many persons a century we can attest. above. Bridgeport, found themselves compelled to leap Bluff in Wilcox coun- from the stern into the current of the river, where perhaps it runs with as in the woodrack and great rapidity as in any portion of its

"From the information I can gather, and my own recollection, I suppost was cut off. The there were seven ladies in the cabin run ashore, but and four or five children. Not one of Means were shrieks and prayers yet remain in the passengers onto ears of all who heard them. One mother placed her child on a mattress and resistless stream, but though aided of the hands, eventually by the praiseworthy exertions of the chief mate, she and the destroying all object of her final struggles were soon

"A father (Mr. Thomas Carson) was drowned in his fruitless efforts to save to cast herself from the burning wreck. five others, two or three miles below. im and Mr. Brooks, a bookseller on had fallen, exhausted, numbed and of rescue. I suppose, from what I have

A large quantity of California gold There are said to have dust, ingots and coin, were lost in the trunks of passengers, and a large accounts make amount of money and treasures was ery. So delightful and all-absorbing ze publication. It is estimated tence, that those who have in this fa- not-"that brings us almost to date, bout 40 persons perished in the tal accident lost all of a life of toil, There was a very large have received with cheerfulness the of property in money and congratulations of their friends-and that we have caused to be created a on board, and only a small part though deprived of clothing, have pro- new department in the Tennessee families and friends.

That model of the American gentleman, Colonel Preston, of South Carohimself a passenger lina, will perhaps not pardon my intruding his name before the public in princely purse to destitute sufferers. The neighbors, Judge Bridges and Mr. Petway, also deserve the most honorwhich their hospitalities were dis-

denied the sympathy of the public in

of Capt. Tim Meaher, a man of great personal courage and sound discretion. In the issue of the Register from which the above was taken we find the following old-timers advertised for the

For the Bigbee river: Lowndes, Robert Otis; Forest Monarch, Henderson Kenney; Sunny South, Charles Miller. S. G. Stone; Clara, J. M.

For the Alabama river: Farmer, W. son; Isabella, S. C. Burwell; May Clif-

The following week the William was 10 3-4 for middling, and the editorials of the Register were for the union without a strict construction of the constitution. Right for over half

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granted \$25,000 for expenses, and in several stenographers and two economic experts in the party, Dr. Johnson and I went as interpreters, and assistants, Dr. Johnson to Dr. Butterfield and I to Dr. Coulter.

"On returning, Dr. Johnson and I did some of the work of translating and all the bibliography for the report of the American Commission

vestigate Agricultural Cooperation in Europe, consisted of 62 voting delegates from 29 states, and 5 of the 62 were women. Dr. Johnson and Miss Noa being delegates from their state.

The United States Commission consisted of 7 men, 4 assistants and a staff Bridgeport on boards and barrels, and of stenographers and Dr. Johnson and Miss Noa were 2 of the 4 assistants. partment of Agriculture and Harvard University appointed us as volunteer workers in the Bureau of Rural Orrecords and papers of the boat were heard, and from 25 to 40 persons had ganization of the United States Department of Agriculture, at a salary each of one dollar per year." Just then the telephoned inter-

> after answering the phone and discussremain over for the Business Men's Luncheon, and deciding that she could

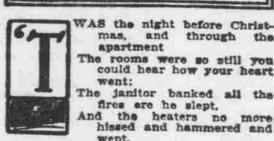
"One thing we have accomplished is

"Our work is just begun. We hope it will spread tremendously, and that us, kindly furnished us with recording his noble proffers of his among other states, Florida will be greatly benefitted thereby."

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Sum-mers, Box W. South Bend, Ind., will send this, his terrible misfortune, not only because he was in nowise responsible for the occurrence, but inasmuch as he felt it like a child, and endeavored to avert it, as an officer and a man.

The Orline St. John was in command. The Orline St. John was in command culties by day or night. (Advertisement)

St. Nick in the City By GEORGE JAY SMITH



The stockings were hung by the steam

children dreamed Christmas had dawned once again. Dear jolly St. Nick, who no good child

MISS ERNESTINE NOH He turned off the sparker and slowed His reindeers he'd sold for a new auto-



"Twas a pretty tight fit for a saint of his But when used to flying one won't mind a flue. So he kept on a sliding that long chimnes

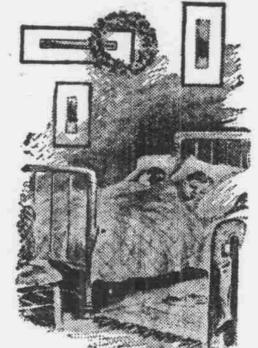
through. Then he paused, for the dolls in his pack shricked "You'll burn us!" Alas! he's arrived at the steam-heating furnace!

In fright all the Teddy-bears squeaked "A too warm reception! What fate is be-The toy cars and engines all rattled and

bleated and jumped pretty scrape, this!" Giving up let me see if Happy thought, for the door opened outward with ease

And he wriggled right through, as neat ways above stopped at each door where lived children to love, d selecting their gifts, whether useful

or handsome



through the transom; what is most strange—all untruths I think shocking-A lot of them landed in each small one's

Where he paused when his tion was ended, And, laying his finger aside of his nose, And winking one eye, he struck a gay

And burst into laughter that shook his You remember, of course-like a bowlful of jelly:

But can they contrive to keep me out? Then he climbed to the roof, sniffed the air, made a dash, Bounced into his sleigh, and was off like

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The Christmas Stocking. St. Nicholas seems to have been the original of our Santa Claus. He was the bishop of Myra about the year 300 and was very popular because of his good deeds and kindness, especially to children, whose patron saint he is supposed to be. An old legend says that he wished to searetly bestow a gift upon an old nobleman who, though poor, did not want anyone to know of his poverty. When the good bishop reached the house he saw the old gentleman asleep by the fire, so he climbed to the top of the chimney and dropped his gift into it, thinking it would fall on the hearth. But it happened that the money fell into one of the old gentleman's stockings, which his daughter had hung up to dry, where it was found and used as a dowry for his eldest daughter. And the story goes on to say that St. Nicholas never failed to put a gift in the stockings which were hung up for him thereafter when a daughter of the house was to marry.



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